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1. PRICES ON CORAL VARIES IN COLOR, SIZE AND QUALITY IN TAIWAN. CURRENT PRICE FOR WHITE CORAL IS AROUND US\$30 PER KILOGRAM, PINK US\$200-1300 AND RED US\$11\$(00. MIDDLEMEN OR CORAL PROCESSORS USUALLY QRCCHASE RAW CORAL THROUGH OPEN BIDDING AT SEVERAL MAJOR PORTS IN THE SOUTHERN, NORTHERN AND EASTERN PARTS OF THIS ISLAND WHERE CORAL OAT OWNERS CONCENTRATE THEIR HARVEST FOR DOCKSIDE SALE. GENERALLY, A PROFIT OR COMMISSION OF ABOUT 5 PERCENT WILL BE ADDED TO THE ABOVE PRICES FOR RESALE TO ENDUSERS IN ROC AND ABROAD.

2. CONVENTIONAL HARVEST METHODS ARE BEING USED BY ALL CORAL BOATS IN TAIWAN. LOCAL MARKET INDICATES THAT THE CORAL PRICES ARE VERY CHANGEABLE IN VIEW OF WEATHER AND OTHE MARKET FACTORS.
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